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REQUEST FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

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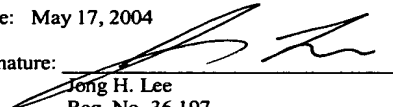
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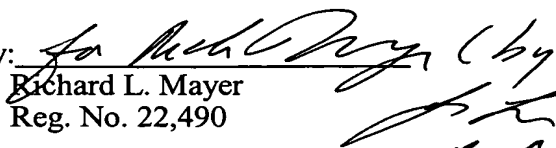
Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner made in the Final Office Action dated November 17, 2003 finally rejecting claims 13-25.

Applicants also respectfully request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Final Office Action dated November 17, 2003 for which a response period expiring on February 17, 2004 was set. The extended period now expires on May 17, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 Notice of Appeal fee of **\$330.00** and the 37 CFR §1.136(a) extension fee of **\$840.00** (\$950.00 minus \$110.00 previously paid on February 26, 2004) to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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